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have authorized the administration and so I would urge support of Senator Chambers' motion.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Senator Warner, do you wish to make any further comment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, it would be just I guess my closing courtesy of Senator Chambers. I merely want to reemphasize one more time because I am very willing to live with whatever the majority of this body wants to do, but if you want legislative responsibility for what is provided in medicaid, then you had better raise the bill or you provide the money. That is the two options you have. It is just that simple, and those who want to object to the Department be given authority, then you had better vote to put the bill up there so we can assume the responsibility as to what medical services are to be provided, and then we also are the ones who provide the funds to do it. And I can assure you that I have no hesitancy in supporting the necessary appropriation that the policy that the majority of this Legislature puts into effect. I will argue the policy, but once that policy is set, then I am going to be equally in supportive even though some who will vote against the appropriation and neither take position on the policy I suppose, but I will support fully the necessary appropriation to carry out the policy you want but there is no way that you are going to reduce the cost unless you address the policy issue through 611 as well as 618 and that is how it is and I am sure it is understood, notwithstanding how much the boys and girls back in the rotunda may say, the men and the women, and whatever else, I don't want to say anything disrespectful, I don't mean to do that, but in any event if you want to address the issue, raise the bill. If you want to appropriate the funds, I am perfectly willing to live with that also. But just please understand that if you vote no on this indirectly you are voting yes for the expenditure which is fine, I accept that, but just be sure you understand it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and colleagues, with all due respect to Senator Warner and his opinion, I oppose the reconsideration of this measure. I think it was discussed last week. The Legislature made their decision at that time and we should stay by that decision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on this bill other than closing? If not, Senator Chambers.